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First Named Inventor	Werner Obrecht et al
Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	H. S. Hu
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APPLICATION OF)
WERNER OBRECHT ET AL) EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1713
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/841,462) EXAMINER: H. S. HU
FILED: APRIL 24, 2001)
TITLE: GEL-CONTAINING RUBBER COM-)
POUNDS FOR TIRE COMPONENTS)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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This Response and Amendment is being filed simultaneously with the attached Request For Continuing Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed by Appellants on December 11, 2003.

The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the remarks and claim amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-7 is courteously requested.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Appendix: None

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